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1. Australian Catholic Social Justice Council*

(Special consultative status granted in 1997)

Aims and Purposes

The Australian Catholic Social Justice Council (ACSJC) was set up by the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference in 1987 as the national justice, peace and human rights agency of the Catholic Church in Australia. The Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference mandates the ACSJC to promote research, education, advocacy and action on social justice, peace and human rights, integrating them deeply into the life of the whole Catholic community in Australia, and providing a credible Catholic voice on these matters in Australian society.

The Australian Catholic Social Justice Council is accountable to the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference through the Bishops' Committee for Justice, Development and Peace.

The primary constituency of the ACSJC is the 29% of the Australian population who are Catholics. The ACSJC also maintains an active involvement in the international network of Catholic justice and peace organizations around the world and is a key organizer of regular networking among the national justice and peace agencies of the Catholic Church in the Asian region. The ACSJC works together with other religious or secular organizations whose purposes are similar to or complementary to those of the ACSJC, for example it is a member of the Australian Forum of Human Rights Organizations and of the Australian Council of Social Service. The ACSJC is an active participant in public policy debate in Australia.

Participation in ECOSOC, its subsidiary bodies and/or other United Nations Meetings

The Chief Executive Officer, Ms Sandie Cornish, and ACSJC Member, Ms Maree Rose, attended the United Nations General Assembly Special Session, Women 2000 in New York, May 2000 and the related NGO Forum.

The Chief Executive Officer, as a Co-Convenor of the National Council of Churches in Australia's Network on Women and Gender Relationships, provided briefing to Church based women's groups and heads of Churches in Australia on the Women 2000 Special Session and the five year review of the Beijing Platform for Action.

Chief Executive Officer attended the Indigenous Peoples and Racism Conference held in Sydney Australia 20 -22 February 2001, an official Satellite Conference of the World Conference on Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance.

Chief Executive Officer is a Member of the Steering Group of the Australian NGO Working Group preparing for participation in the World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance. This Working Group has prepared resource material for broad community consultations across

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Australia and awareness raising prior to the World Conference Against Racism and is in dialogue with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade regarding the Australian Government's preparations, participation and positions on key issues in the Draft Declaration and Plan of Action to be negotiated at the World Conference Against Racism. Together with ACSJC Member Dr Christopher Keating, the Chief Executive Officer will attend the World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance in Durban, South Africa, September 2001 and the related NGO Forum preceding the WCAR.

Cooperation with UN bodies & specialized agencies

On 10 March 1999 the ACSJC wrote to the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination welcoming the CERD Committee's consideration of Early Warning and Urgent Action Decision 1 (53) in relation to Australia and providing the Committee with the positions of the ACSJC regarding issues of indigenous rights. These statements addressed indigenous land rights, in particular the case of the Mirrar people and the approval of a uranium mine at Jabiluka, and the removal of indigenous children from their families.

On 10 November 2000 the ACSJC wrote to the UN Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion and Belief concerning the Blasphemy Laws of Pakistan and in particular the case of Dr Younus Shaikh who had been detained in custody since 4 October 2000 on charges of blasphemy under Section 295 - C of the Pakistan Penal Code. The ACSJC also wrote to the Chief Executive of Pakistan and Pakistan's High Commissioner in Australia concerning the vulnerability of the Blasphemy Laws to abuse, and encouraging the Government of Pakistan to reform these laws to bring them more into line with international human rights standards.

The Chief Executive Officer and Council Member, Fr Paul Devitt met with Asma Jahangir, the UN Special Rapporteur on Extrajudicial, Summary or Arbitrary Executions while on a human rights visit to Pakistan in January 2001. The Blasphemy Laws, Separate Electorates System, religious intolerance and the rule of law in Pakistan were discussed.

Other relevant activities

In October 1997 the ACSJC conducted a human rights visit to Timor-Leste. The delegation consisted of the ACSJC's then Chief Executive Officer, Mr Keith O'Neill, the then Chairman, Bishop Kevin Manning, the then Chairman of the Bishops' Committee for Justice, Development and Peace, Bishop William Brennan, and linguist Dr Geoffrey Hull. A report of this visit was provided to the Government of Indonesia, the Australian Government and Mrs Mary Robinson, UN Commissioner for Human Rights.

The Australian Catholic Social Justice Council was instrumental in the preparation of a Pastoral Letter by the Catholic Bishops of Australia commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. It also published and distributed an information kit for this anniversary during 1998.

The Chief Executive Officer and the then Chairman, Bishop Kevin Manning, represented Australia at the World Congress on the Pastoral Promotion of Human Rights organized by the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace in Rome in June 1998. At this international event the Chief Executive Officer presented the regional

report on human rights in the Pacific, and led a workshop on the human rights of indigenous peoples.

The ACSJC began producing annual Social Justice Calendars in 1998. Each year the calendar lists and explains key United Nations human rights commemorations and activities together with related religious dates.

The annual Social Justice Sunday Statement for 1998 addressed the International Year of the Older Person. These statements are circulated to approximately 300,000 people across Australia. The annual Social Justice Sunday Statement for 1999 addressed indigenous rights, refugees and asylum seekers, the human rights of women, and international debt. The 2000 Social Justice Sunday Statement addressed action for the promotion of the participation of women in the Catholic Church in Australia. It announced the initial action response of the Catholic Bishops of Australia to a research project on the participation of women in the Catholic Church in Australia. The ACSJC's Chief Executive Officer was a member of the Research Management Group that planned and conducted the research. One of the key areas for action identified by the research was decision making and leadership, which coincides with the Beijing Platform for Action's seventh critical area of concern: inequality between men and women in the sharing of power and decision making (Platform for Action and the Beijing Declaration, United Nations Department of Public Information, New York, 1996, Chapter Three).

As part of its promotion of the International Year for the Culture of Peace, the ACSJC became a Messenger of the Manifesto 2000. The ACSJC has adopted the International Decade for Building a Culture of Peace as a framework for its activities for the next ten years. In partnership with the National Council of Churches in Australia's Network on Women and Gender Relationships the ACSJC has planned a series of seminars on the gender dimensions of overcoming violence and building a culture of peace.

The quarterly newsletter, *Justice Trends*, regularly reports on United Nations matters, informing a broad constituency in Australia and internationally, about the structure, function and activities of the UN system in relation to economic, social and cultural rights, and on the Australian Government's engagement with it. The Australian Catholic Social Justice Council participates in regular meetings with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade concerning international human rights matters and Australia's promotion and protection of human rights under the international humanitarian law instruments which it has ratified.

More specifically, the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council has undertaken: public education and representations to the Australian Government concerning economic sanctions against Iraq; dialogue with the Australian Government prior to the 2000 session of the Commission on Human Rights, and a public education campaign for the abolition of the death penalty; the preparation of a submission and an appearance as a witness at an Australian Government Senate Inquiry into Australia's relationship with Timor-Leste; the preparation of a submission to an Australian Parliamentary Inquiry (initiated by the Joint Standing Committee Subcommittee on Foreign Affairs and Trade) concerning Australia's foreign policy's performance in protecting and promoting freedom of religion and belief, and an appearance as a witness at a hearing for this inquiry (1999). The ACSJC has also been active in lobbying for Australian Government compliance with international

treaty obligations in relation to the treatment of indigenous Australians and asylum seekers and refugees.

The ACSJC is in contact with a number of diplomatic missions in Australia in relation to human rights issues in their countries.

2. Canadian Council of Churches*

(Special consultative status granted in 1997)

Introduction

The Canadian Council of Churches provides a forum to share information and concerns among those involved in ecumenical work on peace and social justice in Canada and the world; reflect biblically and theologically on peace and social justice, and facilitate the cooperation of the churches in peace and justice concerns.

Traditionally, our greatest area of involvement in United Nations agencies has been in the area of human rights. The Canadian Council of Churches has a long history of advocacy for civil, political, economic, social, cultural, women, aboriginal, refugee and children's rights and has enjoyed the privileges of advocating on behalf of Canadian churches and their partners at a variety of UN forae. From the Third Committee to the Human Rights Commission to World Conferences such as the World Conference Against Racism, accredited delegates of the Canadian Council of Churches have been present. In addition, we have participated in a number of World Conferences and other United Nations events. From year to year, here is a record of our format participation:

1997

The Canadian Council of Churches received Special Consultative Status in 1997 and was not able to participate directly in United Nations events in 1997.

1998

At the 54th Session of the United Nations Human Rights Commission the Canadian Council of Churches was pleased to request the accreditation of delegate Bill Fairbairn, an ecumenical partner who was working for the Inter-Church Committee on Human Rights in Latin America (ICCHRLA), delegate Gary Kenny, ecumenical partner who was working for the Inter-Church Committee on Africa (ICCAF), delegate John Offei, an ecumenical partner of ICCAF, Festus delegate Ufulle Gaaro, an ecumenical partner of KCAF, and delegate Rob Shropshire from the Anglican Church of Canada. Written and verbal submissions were made on various country-specific agenda items.

At the 36th Session of the UN Commission on Social Development, delegate David Pfrimrner participated from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC).

Delegate Joy Kennedy, Anglican Church of Canada (ACC), attended the 6th Session of the UN Commission on Sustainable Development.

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1999

At the 55th Session of the United Nations Human Rights Commission delegate Daisy Francis, Canada-Asia Working Group (CAWG), and delegate Suzanne Rumsey, Inter-Church Committee on Human Rights in Latin America (ICCHRLA), were accredited. They made country specific and thematic interventions on several items.

2000

At the 56th Session of the United Nations Human Rights Commission delegate, Kathryn Robertson, working with our ecumenical partner the Canada-Asia Working Group (CAWG) and delegate Lee McKenna Ducharme, delegated by our ecumenical partner the Inter-Church Committee on Africa together with Indoneslan and Nigerian ecumenical partners delegate Francisco Marcal, delegate Puleng Lenka and delegate Asma'u Joda requested and received accreditation.

Conclusion

The Canadian Council of Churches has greatly benefited from its Special Consultative Status. Our participation in these United Nations events has increased our understanding of how United Nations processes and institutions work, and we've been able to build up an expertise in how to be effective when working in a multi-lateral, United Nations environment that has enhanced our effectiveness in working for a more just and peaceful world.

It is with our sincere gratitude that we look forward to many more years of engagement wlth the United Nations and United Nations agencies.

3. Canadian Voice of Women for Peace*

(Special consultative status granted in 1997)

Aims and Purposes: Canadian Voice of Women for Peace is a national volunteer organization founded in 1960. From our founding to today, we speak out resourcefully against the pervasive culture of war and violence and for a culture of sustainable peace.

As an all-women organization, we underscore our concern as women for these issues, as well as the human right of women to share in the political responsibilities for peace and security.

Participation in ECOSOC, its subsidiary bodies and/or other United Nations Meetings

1997:

- Commission on the Status of Women – March, New York; oral and written statements in collaboration with ad hoc international Peace and Girl Child Caucuses. Subject: Women and peace. Attended by several of our organization's representatives.

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- DPI/NGO Conference - September, New York - One representative add members attended.
- General Assembly meeting – September, New York - One representative attended.

1998:

- Commission on the Status of Women – March, New York; oral and written statement in collaboration with ad hoc international Peace Caucus. Subject: Women and peace - Three representatives and members attended.
- DPI/NGO Conference, September, New York - One representative and members attended.

1999:

- Commission on the Status of Women - March, New York; written statement in collaboration with ad hoc international Peace Caucus: Subject: Women and peace. Two representatives and members attended.
- DPINGO Conference, September, New York.

2000:

- Beijing+5 ECE Regional Preparatory Meeting for Europe and North America, January, Geneva, written statement in collaboration with ad hoc international Peace Caucus. Subject: Women and peace. One representative attended.
- Commission on the Status of Women, March, New York. Four representatives and members attended.
- Beijing+5 Preparatory Meeting, April, New York, oral and written statement in collaboration with ad hoc international Peace Caucus. Subject: Women in peace processes. Four representatives and members attended.
- Beijing+5 NGO Conference, June, New York. Four representatives and members attended.
- DPI/NGO Conference, August, New York. One representative attended.
- Commission on Human Rights, November, Geneva. Written statement in support of lifting sanctions in Iraq. Subject: Item 9 of E/CN.4/2001/1 of Provisional Agenda of 57th session.

Cooperation with UN bodies & specialized agencies

1999:

- Delegate to UNESCO-sponsored conference on the culture of peace in United Republic Tanzania.

2000:

- Attended General Assembly Special Session " Women 2000: Gender Equality, Development and Peace for the Twenty-first Century." oral and written statement in collaboration with ad hoc international Peace Caucus. Subject: Inclusion of women in all peace processes.

- Closed Meeting of Security Council, October, New York. (Subject: Full participation of women in all peace processes.)
- Security Council Meeting, October, New York. (Subject: Full participation of women in all peace processes.)
- UNIFEM - collaboration with UNIFEM in preparation for Security Council meetings.

Other relevant activities

(i) Action in implementation of UN resolutions:

1997:

- Coordinated National Round Table for 80 men and women "Culture of Peace.", January, Toronto, Canada to promote implementation of the Platform for Action (PFA, Beijing, Fourth World Conference on Women, 1995; DPI 1766/WOM).

1999:

- Co-coordinated international conference "Voice of Somali Women for Peace, Reconciliation and Political Rights", Toronto in support of PFA as above. Developed and distributed workshop kits for the promotion of a culture of peace in support of programme of work by this name adopted by the General Assembly. A/res/52/13 (Jan. 15, 1998).

2000:

- Coordinated national launch of the Global Campaign for Peace Education, a part of the programme of work of the Hague Appeal for Peace and Justice for the Twenty-first Century, adopted by the UNGA, Fall 1999, UNresA/54/98.
- Provide workshop training/information related to a culture of peace in Nairobi, Dar-es-Salam, United Republic of Tanzania, London, New York and Bucharest in support of programme of work related to a culture of peace referred to above.
- Coordinated national training for women for 55 women "Moving Forward: Women, Peace and Human Rights", Toronto, Canada to promote implementation of PFA.
- Attended Somali National Conference in Djibouti. Somalia in support of culture of peace programme work and PFA.

1997-2000:

- Participation in multiple national NGO/GO consultations in support of UN resolutions pertaining to peace building and human rights held in Ottawa, Canada.
- Coordinated and conducted three study consultation tours to the L N (New York) for qualified Canadian women of all ages to help implement UN resolutions pertaining to women's political equality and disarmament.

- Participated in international dialogues with Greek Turkish and Cypriot women in support of the programme of work for a culture of peace referred to above.

(ii) Consultations and cooperation with officials of the UN Secretariat:

Yes, we do this routinely as part of our study consultation tour briefings; as part of our input into the draft documentation handled by the Division for the Advancement of Women for each of the meetings of the Commission for the Status of Women.

(iii) Preparation of papers: None

(iv) Other examples of consultative and substantive activities: None

4. Enfants du Monde — Droits de l'homme*

(Special consultative status granted in 1997)

Introduction

Enfants du Monde — Droits de l'homme (EMDH) is a non-governmental organization (NGO) established under the 1901 Associations Act. Its aim is to bring about the recognition of children as individuals. Following the promulgation by the United Nations, on 20 November 1989, of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, EMDH adopted the text of the Convention as a frame of reference and the basis for its activities, the objectives of which are to raise public awareness about the rights of the child and ensure that those rights are recognized and respected worldwide. The association has been endorsed by the French Ministry of Youth and Sports and has the ongoing support of the Ministry of Education. It is a member of various national (Conseil Français pour les Droits de l'Enfant, Voix de l'Enfant) and international (European Union NGO Platform) action groups and takes part in meetings held in many countries with a view to promoting the rights of the child. In every country in which it has programmes, the organization is in constant contact with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and sometimes liases with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

Participation in meetings and conferences organized by the United Nations

The association has frequently sent representatives to Geneva to participate in meetings organized by the International Labour Organization on the subject of child labour, and also in various other meetings on human rights issues. EMDH was one of the few international NGOs to participate in the Second Forum of the World Alliance of Cities Against Poverty organized by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Geneva from 3 to 5 April 2000. The association also took an active part in the round table organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and UNDP on human rights and human development for liberty and solidarity, held in Paris on 29 June 2000. As yet, the desired participation in plenary meetings held by the United Nations in New York has been impossible for financial reasons; however, our representative, Alexandre Kamarotos, has visited the Economic and Social

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Council and UNICEF in New York on a number of occasions. The association took an active part in the preparatory session, held in Paris, for the follow-up to the World Summit for Children, due to be held in late 2001, which it intends to attend.

Activities in France

In order to disseminate the Convention on the Rights of the Child and assist teachers and social workers to raise children's awareness of it, the association has put together an information pack, entitled "Toolbox for the rights of the child". It has been distributed widely in France and an English translation is being prepared in order to make it accessible to other countries. The information pack is now on display in the United Nations Centre for Human Rights in Geneva. In addition, the association carries out a wide range of activities in schools to promote the rights of the child. Lastly, the International Centre for the Rights of the Child, set up and run by the association, is frequently visited by the public (Place de Thorigny, 75003 Paris).

The association intends to open offices in El Salvador, India, Palestine, Serbia and South Africa.

5. European Law Students' Association*

(Special consultative status granted in 1997)

1. Introduction

ELSA is a non-political, non-profit making, independent organization of law students' and young lawyers. ELSA was established in 1981. Today it spans over in 39 European countries at around 200 law faculties. ELSA provides opportunities for law students and young lawyers by assisting them to be internationally minded and professionally skilled. ELSA encourages individuals to act for the good of society in order to realize a vision: "A just world in which there is respect for human dignity and cultural diversity." ELSA, through its activities in the legal field, such as Legal Research Groups, Moot Court Competitions, Seminars and Conferences and Student Trainee Exchange Programme, makes a positive contribution to legal education.

ELSA has a permanent commitment to Human Rights, therefore promotes Human Rights and provides Human Rights education. Throughout the years, ELSA has obtained special consultative status with UN ECOSOC, consultative status (category C) with UNESCO (1994), consultative status with UNCITRAL (1997), and has a cooperation agreement with UNHCR in the field of Refugee Law (1995). In the year 2000, ELSA has obtained consultative status with The Council of Europe.

2. Participation in the UN conferences and meetings

ELSA appointed permanent representatives to the UN ECOSOC in 1998 (2 in Geneva, 2 in New York and 2 in Vienna) and 1999 (1 in Geneva, 1 in New York and 1 in Vienna). The Association has been deeply involved in the process of the establishment of the International Criminal Court, especially as a member of the

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Steering Committee of the NGO Coalition for an International Criminal Court (CICC). As such ELSA sent 12 representatives to the UN General Assembly on the International Criminal Court (30 October - 4 November 1995) and its delegations had been attending the meetings of the Preparatory Committees for the International Criminal Court (ICC PrepComms) in the UN Headquarters in New York (April 1996, August 1996, July 1997, December 1997, February 1997, March-April 1998). ELSA sent a delegation of 38 students to the Diplomatic Conference on the establishment of the International Criminal Court in Rome, June 15 - July 17, 1998. After the Rome Conference ELSA has attended the Preparatory Commissions for the Establishment of the International Criminal Court (New York: July-August 1999, November-December 1999, February 1999, June-July 2000, November-December 2000, February-March 2001). In 1997 and 1998 ELSA published the Handbook on the Draft Statute for the International Criminal Court, which was broadly distributed, especially among the state delegates to the ICC PrepComms and the Rome Diplomatic Conference, as well as among the members of the CICC. For purposes of participation in these meetings ELSA had prepared a number of position papers: "Comments to the proposed threshold for the ICC's jurisdiction over war crimes" with a recommendation to reject the inclusion of this threshold in any form (December 1997), "The need for a Universal Standard of Penalties before the International Criminal Court" (December 1997), "Caucus on Children's Rights in the ICC - Commentary on Serious Violations of the Laws and Customs of War" (December 1997), "Vienna Declaration on the Establishment of a Permanent International Criminal Court", "The Right of Victims of Serious Violations of Human Right and International Crimes to participate in Proceedings: a Standard for International Jurisdictions?"

ELSA attended the 32nd (Vienna, January 1998), 33rd (New York, June-July 1998), 34th (Vienna, February 1999), 35th (Vienna, September 1999) and 36th session (September 2000) of the UNCITRAL Working Group on Electronic Commerce. The President of ELSA attended the UNESCO World Conference on Higher Education that took place 5-9 October 1998 in Paris. The members of the International Boards of ELSA have regularly attended the follow-up meetings each year ever since. ELSA is a member of the UNESCO/NGO collective consultation and a part of the UNESCO/NGO Student Forum. ELSA was represented at the 5th UNESCO/NGO Collective Consultation in February 1997, Paris. The President of ELSA International (1998) attended the 6th UNESCO/NGO Collective Consultation in May 1998, Paris. The President and the Vice President for Seminars and Conferences (VP S&C) of ELSA International (2000/ 01) attended the 7th UNESCO/NGO Collective Consultation, 27-29 November 2000, Paris. The VP S&C participated as a discussant at one of the panels – "Management and Learning Challenges of the E-university".

3. Co-operation with UN bodies and specialized agencies

ELSA has had a lively and very diverse co-operation with UN bodies and specialized agencies both on the international and the national level in all the key areas of its activities (Legal Research Groups, Moot Courts, Seminars and Conferences and the student Trainee Exchange Programme). In this report only some of them are pointed out. Since the 1st of March 1995, ELSA has had a Co-operation Agreement with the UNHCR Regional Office for the BENELUX countries and the European Institutions. In 1998 the agreement was evaluated and a new one has been concluded. Especially in 1997 and 1998 there was a number of ELSA

events organized by the local ELSA groups (seminars, training sessions, and lectures in international refugee law) where UNHCR has provided speakers. UNHCR also offers students' traineeships to ELSA for its Student Trainee Exchange Programme. The co-operation agreement includes sharing of documentation and materials. "*The Law of Peace in the Year 2000; The Effective Enforcement and Current Violations of International Law & The Reform of International Organizations*" was a title of the ELSA'S Focus Programme for the period 1997-1999. The whole ELSA network was during that period focusing on the subject in all its activities. The cycle was finalized by the International "Power of Peace" Conference, which was integrated in the Hague Appeal for Peace conference taking part in The Hague in May 1999. ELSA International is in the process of publishing the International Focus Programme (1997-1999) Publication. Fighting against Impunity - A Permanent International Criminal Court was an international ELSA conference hosted by the UN centre in Vienna (21-24 April 1998). The co-operation with the UN was also established in the distinguished ELSA events such as Arusha School on International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights (February-March 1998, Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania), ELSA Law School on Peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina (April-May 1998, Sarajevo) and the international conference organized in co-operation with *No Peace Without Justice* with the title "Justice, not Impunity - Establishing an International Criminal Court" (Rome, 21-23 November 1997). ELSA member group in Croatia co-operated with UNHCHR office in Zagreb through series of joint panels and student internships in 1999 and 2000.

6. Institute for Policy Studies*

(Special consultative status granted in 1977)

Introductory Statement

The transnational branch of the Institute for Policy Studies was founded in 1974 as one of the first research institutes to be transnational in name, composition, orientation and focus.

The Transnational Institute seeks to create and promote international co-operation in analyzing and finding possible solutions to such global problems as armed conflicts, poverty and marginalization, social injustice and environmental degradation. At the heart of the institute lies a worldwide network of independent researchers and social activists. Close partner relationships have been developed over the years with many non-governmental organizations in Africa, Asia, Latin America, Eastern and Western Europe, and the USA.

Constituted as a non-profit organization registered in the Netherlands, the institute receives its funding from a range of donors, including church groups, non-governmental development funding agencies, European development co-operation ministries, and private foundations in the USA and Europe.

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Participation in UN meetings

The institute participated in preparations for the UN General Assembly Special Session on drugs and the event itself on 8-10 June 1998 in New York. On 26 and 27 March 1997 two representatives attended in Vienna the Commission on Narcotic Drugs acting as preparatory body for the Special Session. The third inter-sessional meeting, held at Vienna from 3 to 5 December 1997 was also attended, as well as the second session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs acting as preparatory body for the Special Session, held at Vienna from 16 to 20 March 1998. A special briefing paper was published in May 1998 under the title "Caught in the Crossfire: Developing Countries, the UNDCP and the War on Drugs" as a contribution to the discussion on illicit crop eradication and Alternative Development, one of the main issues on the agenda. Many activities were undertaken to mobilize international non-governmental participation at the session, to raise public awareness about the event and to draw media attention to it. In New York, five representatives of the organization from various countries participated in the Special Session. The institute was one of the key organizers of the NGO parallel forum held at the Church Center in collaboration with the Vienna and New York NGO Committees on Narcotic Drugs, and additionally hosted an NGO panel inside the UN building where the Special Session was held. Afterwards, the institute participated in the 42"d session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, 16 - 25 March 1999 at Vienna.

As a follow-up to the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), adopted at the third session of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the (UNFCCC) in Kyoto, Japan, on 11 December 1997, the institute became closely involved in the subsequent COP meetings. A representative participated in the NGO events organized at COP 5 in Bonn from 25 October to 5 November 1999. In February 2000 the institute hosted a seminar in Amsterdam, organized jointly with the World Wildlife Fund, entitled "NGO Climate-Energy Skillshare: A Common Message towards COP 6 in Bonn, Germany. In September the institute organized - in collaboration with Friends of the Earth International, the Wuppertal Institute (Germany), Climate Action Network Europe and Centre for Science and Environment (India), the workshop "Towards the Hague Mandate? why the climate agreement must be fair to be effective ' I at the inter-sessional conference in Lyon, France, where a publication was launched under the title "Gathering Storm: The Human Impact of Climate Change". In September two briefings were organized in Amsterdam, one for the press ("COP 6 Must Produce Clear, Strong Industrialized Country Commitments to Ratify The Kyoto Protocol For .Entry Into Force By Rio+l0 In 2002" and one for development NGOs ("COP 6: The Position of the South"). The institute prepared several documents for the conference on "Renewable Energy for the Developing World" organized as part of the COP 6, held h m 13 to 24 November, 2000, in The Hague. Several activities are undertaken during the COP 6 including a special expert session on "Beyond COP 6: Equity and Development through Tradable Emission Rights " at the two-day Climate Justice conference organized parallel to the COP 6 talks, by the National Committee for Sustainable Development (NCDO) of The Netherlands.

Cooperation with UN bodies and specialized Agencies

(1.) In 1997 an expert from the institute was included in the Belgium government delegation to the WTO High Level Meeting on Least Developed Countries, 27-28 October in Geneva.

(2.) In April 1998, the institute's Associate Director speaks at the seminar "Globalization and Health" of the WHO Task Force on Health Economics in Geneva.

(3.) In October 1998 representative participates in the UNESCOMOST conference in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on "Social and Economic Transformations connected with the International Drugs Problem".

(4.) In May 2000, the Director attends the conference "Globalization and Vulnerable Economies" in Helsinki, organized by the World Institute for Development Economics Research (WIDER) of the United Nations University.

(5.) From 26 June to 1 July 2000 two representatives participated in side events during the UN General Assembly Special Session in Geneva, to assess the achievements made at the Social Summit of Copenhagen in 1995 and to discuss new initiatives.

Other Relevant activities

(1.) The institute has been a member of the international organizing committee for the Hague Appeal for Peace, and organized five panel debates during this biggest international peace conference ever convened with more than 10,000 people attending in May 1999 in The Hague, the Netherlands.

(2.) The institute has been a key player in organizing NGO participation in the Asia-Europe Meetings (ASEM), including organizing a workshop on ASEM at the European Commission NGO Liaison Committee Annual General Meeting, in I April 2000 in Brussels, co-organizing the International Organizing Committee Meeting of the ASEM 2000 Peoples' Forum in Seoul, Republic of Korea, and participating in the "ASEM and Civil Society" summit organized by the European Union in Lisbon, Portugal in May 2000.

7. World Movement of Mothers*

(Special consultative status granted in 1949)

Aims of the organization

To assist mothers to fully assume their family, social and civic responsibilities.

To represent mothers at the national and international levels.

To affirm and promote the public recognition, in legislation and institutions, of the essential role played by mothers in society.

Geographical distribution

The members of the World Movement of Mothers (WMM) are women's and family associations and associations working for the benefit of children from around 60 countries.

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Since 1997, it has established relations with the following countries: Argentina, Burundi, Chile, Croatia, Germany, Ireland, Malaysia, Mauritius, Slovakia, Sweden and Ukraine.

Participation in conferences, meetings and committees

1997

• New York

Regular monthly participation in NGO committees on the family.

25 February-6 March: Thirty-fifth session of the United Nations Commission for Social Development: written statement by WMM calling on States not to overlook issues relating to the family in the follow-up to the World Summit for Sustainable Development.

10-21 March: Participation in the Commission on the Status of Women.

September: Participation in the 50th Annual Department of Public Information (DPI)/NGO Conference.

The representative of WMM was the rapporteur for the seminar entitled "The NGO role in conflict management".

• Geneva

Regular participation in the work of the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations (CONGO), including in the subcommittees dealing with issues relating to women, human rights, disarmament and peace.

April: Participation in the Commission on Human Rights, statement by our representative on the effects of global instability on children.

July: DPI meeting on Palestine. Statement by our representative on the situation of children in the occupied territories.

• Paris

UNESCO: Regular participation in various working groups organized by the permanent committee of NGOs. WMM is a member of the provisional NGO Council and attended the twenty-ninth session of the UNESCO General Conference.

• Vienna

WMM, together with many other NGOs, signed a declaration on the role of the family (article 16, Universal Declaration of Human Rights).

13-14 October: Participation, including the delivery of a statement, in a Council of Europe colloquium on parental education in Europe.

1998

• New York

WMM representatives regularly attend the weekly DPI/NGO briefings.

10-19 February: Participation in the thirty-sixth session of the Commission for Social Development. Three statements by associations affiliated with WMM.

2-13 March: Three representatives from France, together with WMM representatives, took part in the forty-second session of the Commission on the Status of Women. Publication of an official statement by WMM on the trafficking and enslavement of women.

Within the framework of the Committee of NGOs, written statement on the topic of "Women and stress".

Participation in the UNICEF Executive Board meeting.

- Geneva: Commission on Human Rights

Participation in the fifty-fourth session of the Commission on Human Rights, various statements: a declaration on the Convention on the Rights of the Child and a call for the lifting of sanctions against Iraq, which are responsible for the deaths of children.

Participation in round tables relating to human rights on topics such as the situation of Palestinian populations in Southern Lebanon, Sudan and Algeria.

1-21 August: Participation in the session of the Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights.

Participation as a full member of the United Nations NGO Committee on Palestine.

- World Health Organization: As part of the 50th anniversary celebrations, WMM took part in an exhibition on motherhood.
- CONGO, 25-26 June: Official meeting of the Committee of NGOs, our representative participated in the preparation and identification of issues and speakers for a seminar to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
- UNESCO Paris

NGO Conference: WMM was elected to the NGO Council and appointed as Secretary. It chaired the group "Women and a culture of peace" and also took part in two other groups: "The girl child" and "Combating poverty and microfinance".

December: Participation in the 50th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

- Vienna

WMM took part in a meeting of the Committee of NGOs relating to the female perspective in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

1999

WMM celebrated its 50th anniversary by organizing, inter alia, a colloquium on 8 and 9 April at UNESCO on the theme of "The family and social dimension of mothers' work" with the participation of Mr. Cyril Dalais, an adviser from the Education Division of UNICEF, Ms. Janne Haaland Matlary, the Norwegian Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and Dr. Robert Ryder. WMM published the minutes of the colloquium.

• New York

8-19 March: Commission on the Status of Women, attended by representatives of WMM and three representatives from France.

Participation in working groups on violence against women and institutional mechanisms.

• Geneva

Commission for Social Development. WMM took part in two CONGO groups in order to prepare for the 2000 Geneva Forum.

Commission on Human Rights, 20 March-30 April: Organization and facilitation of two round tables, followed by the launch of an appeal calling for an end to the use of depleted uranium.

August: Fifty-fourth session of the Sub-Commission. WMM organized a round table on the effects of globalization on vulnerable populations.

17-21 November: Five members attended the World Congress of Families and acted as moderators for the working groups.

• UNESCO Paris

In September, the secretariat of the NGO Council, headed by WMM, held a plenary meeting in order to prepare for the UNESCO General Conference (held in October and November) and to review the status of NGOs at UNESCO. WMM chaired the "Women and a culture of peace" group and took part in two other groups, "The girl child" and "Microfinance and development".

2000

• New York

March: The Secretary-General and several members of WMM Argentina participated in the work of the Commission on the Status of Women and the preparatory meeting for Beijing +5.

22-26 May: NGO Millennium Forum, participation of one member from France in addition to our representatives. WMM made a written statement calling for mothers' investment in the human capital of their children to be taken into account when calculating gross national product.

June: Prepcom for Beijing +5 and special meeting attended by members of WMM Argentina.

• Geneva

January: Beijing +5 regional preparatory meeting for Europe and North America.

The representative of WMM and two representatives from France took part in workshops on the recognition of unpaid work carried out by women and e-commerce.

20 March-30 April: Commission on Human Rights, participation of the representatives of WMM.

26-30 June: Copenhagen +5, participation in the 2000 Forum. Organization of a forum on the topic of "The family in the new millennium" with the participation of,

inter alia, Ms. Renate Bloem, President of the NGO Committee on the Status of Women, Ms. Rosina Santa Olalla, Mr. Luis Alberto Petit Herrera from the Foundation for the Rights of the Family and Professors Craig Hart and Jeffrey Hill from Brigham Young University.

• Vienna

6-8 November: CONGO General Assembly. The administrative mandate of WMM came to an end. The President and the WMM administrator were present and took part in the discussions on the relationship between the United Nations and NGOs.

• UNESCO Paris

Participation in the drafting and distribution of a questionnaire to members of the NGO Council.

Preparatory work for the annual meeting of the Council on 26 September.

24-25 November: participation in a colloquium on the culture of peace.

To complement the Convention on the Rights of the Child, WMM, an active member of the "Girl child" working group, adopted a manifesto in order to draw the attention of United Nations Member States to "human rights violations affecting a particularly vulnerable group: girls".

8. World Association of Former United Nations Interns and Fellows*

(Special consultative status granted in 1981)

1. The World Association of Former United Nations Interns and Fellows, Inc. (WAFUNIF) has members in 148 countries and all regions of the world. Its constitutional mandate and activities implemented since its creation, in 1978, are oriented to advancing the work of its *Alma Mafer,* the United Nations system. WAFUNIF's main aims and purposes are to: be alumni organization for former UN interns and fellows; continue a channel of communication between the UN system and those whom it has serviced through its multiple internships and fellowships; use the collective and individual resources of its members to promote at all levels research, information and education to help improve public understanding of the principles, activities and potentialities of the UN; rekindle interest in the UN and issues of world concern among those alumni who are working in areas removed from international affairs; and, support and encourage the maintenance and further development of internships and fellowships, and other types of training programmes within the United Nations system.

2. The 1997 to 2000 programme cycle was undertaken with strong encouragement from the message of the then United Nations Secretary-General, His Excellency Dr. Boutros Boutros-Ghali, to the 1996 WAFUNIF Assembly. The main theme of that Assembly session was "The Campaign for the United Nations:

* Issued without formal editing.

Ensuring its Capacity for Confronting New Challenges." The UN Secretary-General stated, *inter alia*, "I know that the World Association of Former United Nations Interns and Fellows and its members can make a significant contribution, at this critical time for the United Nations. Your members have had the experience of the United Nations and have worked side by side with United Nations staff in a variety of situations. You have contributed greatly to our achievements. I am proud to call the members of the World Association of Former United Nations Interns and Fellows, members of the United Nations family."

3. "The United Nations Secretary-General's Proposal for a NGO Peoples Millennium in the Year 2000: Priority Issues and Areas for WAFUNIF's Contribution" was the main agenda item at the twelfth session of the WAFUNIF Assembly, held from 20 to 21 August 1998. In his message to the WAFUNIF Assembly, His Excellency Mr. Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations, *inter alia*, stated "It gives me great pleasure to extend my warmest greetings to you on the occasion of the twelfth session of WAFUNIF. Interns and fellows play a vital role in the day-to-day operations of the United Nations, providing energy, imagination and loyal advocacy at a time when the Organization is in greed need of these very contributions. Many former interns and fellows have gone on t o shine in permanent positions at the United Nations. Others are at work in other venues, on an array of key global issues. All of you, in one way or another, have become concerned and caring members of the international community. I am particularly pleased to note that your session will be looking ahead to the millennium. Like the San Francisco Conference at which the United Nations was founded, and like other conferences held at turning points in world history, the year 2000 presents a unique and compelling opportunity for Member States, civil society and individual citizens to articulate a vision for the United Nations in a new global era. That is why I have proposed that the session of the General Assembly that year be designated the Millennium Assembly; that it include a "Millennium Summit" segment, and that non-governmental forums be held in conjunction with these events."

4. During the period under review, WAFUNIF expanded and strengthened cooperative relationships with the United Nations system and other intergovernmental organizations.

WAFUNIF continued to participate in the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and its subsidiary bodies and/or conferences and other UN meetings. For example, WAFUNIF continued to actively participate in sessions of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) and its subsidiary bodies. WAFUNIF was represented at the Twenty-third session of UNCITRAL convened from 12 June to 7 July 2000 in New York. In its intervention on the agenda item dealing with "Training and Technical Assistance", WAFUNIF welcomed and expressed its encouragement that the UNCITRAL is cooperating with our Organization within the context of the Rammel Fund. WAFUNIF was also represented and made interventions at the Thirty-second session of the Commission which was held in Vienna, Austria, from 17 May to 4 June 1999, as well as the Thirty-sixth session of the Working Group on Electronic Commerce held from 14 to 25 February 2000, in New York.

5. WAFUNIF was represented by its Senior Institutional Advancement Specialist at The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the

German Management Academy of Lower Saxony (DMAN) conducted training workshop on the topic "Public-Private Partnerships for Sustainable Development: How can countries, companies and communities create wealth through public-private partnerships?" held from 13 to 14 June 2000. It was hosted by the Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations in New York.

6. The First Substantive Session of the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly in 2001 for Follow-up to the World Summit for Children was held from 30 May to 2 June 2000, at UNICEF House, New York. WAFUNIF was represented at this session by its Senior Advisor on Gender Issues, and two student-interns from Latin America and the Caribbean. The Twenty-second session of the Committee on Information of the UN General Assembly met from 1 to 12 May 2000, at the United Nations in New York. WAFUNIF was represented at the session by its Special Cultural Project Coordinator whose intervention on the impact of the digital divide on the development of developing countries, was well-received by the Committee and reproduced in an official United Nations press release made available on the worldwide web. WAFUNIF continued its collaboration with the United Nations Cercele de Reflexion (UNCR) project to build "L'Humanite 1" - UN Hospital-Ship for Peace, participating in the 17 June 1997, 19 May 1998,24 June 1999 and 7 June 2000 sessions.

7. As requested by the Assembly, WAFUNIF supported the Hague Appeal for Peace 1999. WAFUNIF participated in the forty-second second of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (4 to 16 June 1999) and the Third United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (UNISPACE Ill) (19 to 30 July 1999), both held in Vienna, Austria. From 23 to 24 September 1998, the Symposium "Ensuring a Culture of Peace and Development: The Role of Education, Science, Technology and the United Nations System in the Third Millennium" was convened by WAFUNIF as a contribution to implementation of UN General Assembly resolutions 52/13 "Culture of Peace" and 52/33 "The Role of Science and Technology in the Context of International Security and Development, as well as further implementation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the United Nations Decade of International Law, and the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond. WAFUNIF also issued a special commemorative Journal on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the Declaration of Human Rights and the fiftieth anniversary of the Group of 1948 United Nations interns. At the same time (25 September 1998), WAFUNIF convened a special ceremony at UN Headquarters honoring the Secretary-General of the UN, Eminent Former UN Interns and Fellows (including the Prime Minister and the Foreign Minister of the Republic of Namibia) and recognizing the contribution made by the United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa (UNETPSA) n the promotion of capacity-building for peace and development.

8. WAFUNIF also participated in various sessions of the UN Commission on Human Rights and its subsidiary bodies including the 3 to 21 August 1998 session of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, being represented by its Alternate Representative to the United Nations Office at Geneva and by a Member of its Board of Directors. WAFUNIF was represented at the Special Session of the UN General Assembly to Review and Appraise the Implementation of Agenda 21, which was adopted by the 1992 UN Conference on Environment and Development. The special session was held from 23 to 27 June 1997.

9. WAFUNIF participated in the Seoul International Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) on the theme "The Role of NGOs in the 21" Century: Inspire, Empower, Act, "was held from 10 to 16 October 1999, in the Republic of Korea. It was organized by Kyung He University / GCS International, the Conference of NGOs in Consultative Relationship with the UN (CONGO) and the Executive Committee of NGOs Associated with the UN Department of Public Information (NGODPI. WAFUNIF will continue to fulfill its responsibilities as an NGO in consultative status (Special Category) with ECOSOC and General Category with UNCTAD.